

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (CORRECT TO ADD CINCPAC AS ACTION ADDEE)

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: PINT, PINS, CB

SUBJ: IENG SARY'S RETURN TO CAMBODIA

REF: FBIS OKINAWA 081759Z NOV 73

1. WE ARE INTERESTED TO LEARN THAT GRUNK/FUNK SPECIAL  
ENVOY IENG SARY IS TO RETURN TO CAMBODIA AND THAT  
SIHANOUK WAS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH HIS FAREWELL BANQUET.

2. ONE CAN READ THIS REPORT SEVERAL WAYS. IT COULD BE  
THAT AFTER ALL HIS EMBARRASSING PUBLIC SCENES SIHANOUK  
HAS AT LAST WRUNG THE KC INTO THE CONCESSION OF  
REMOVING THE COMMUNIST TAIL ON HIM. IF THIS WERE THE  
CASE IENG SARY'S REPORTED DEPARTURE COULD SIGNIFY THAT  
SIHANOUK HAS GAINED A SOMEWHAT WIDER MARGIN OF  
MANEUVER.

3. THE OPPOSITE SPECULATION IS THAT SARY, LONG BELIVED  
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TO BE AN INFLUENTIAL MEMBER OF THE KC CENTRAL COMMITTEE,

IS RETURNING TO CAMBODIA TO FIRM UP AN IN-COUNTRY GOVERNMENT -- AND THAT NEITHER SIHANOUK, NOR PENN NOUTH, NOR OTHER NON-COMMUNIST POLITICIANS HAVE GOTTEN CLEARANCE TO FOLLOW. THIS INTERPRETATION WOULD SQUARE WITH SIHANOUK'S COMPLAINT IN THE INTERVIEW TO LE MONDE THAT THE KC HAD NOT ACCEPTED HIS PROPOSAL FOR SHIFTING THE BULK OF THE GOVERNMENT IN-COUNTRY.

4. EITHER WAY, OF COURSE, IENG SARY'S DEPARTURE WOULD BE SUGGESTIVE OF A WIDENING SPLIT BETWEEN THE KC AND SIHANOUK.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION WHICH WOULD SUGGEST THAT IENG SARY IS TO BE REPLACED IN PEKING OR THAT OTHER GRUNK/FUNK FIGURES WILL BE JOINING THE HOMEWARD TREK.  
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